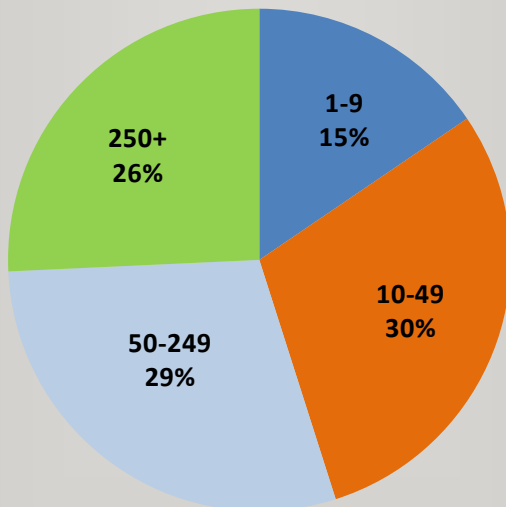


2015 Missouri Businesses by Size



Percentage of Employment by Business Size

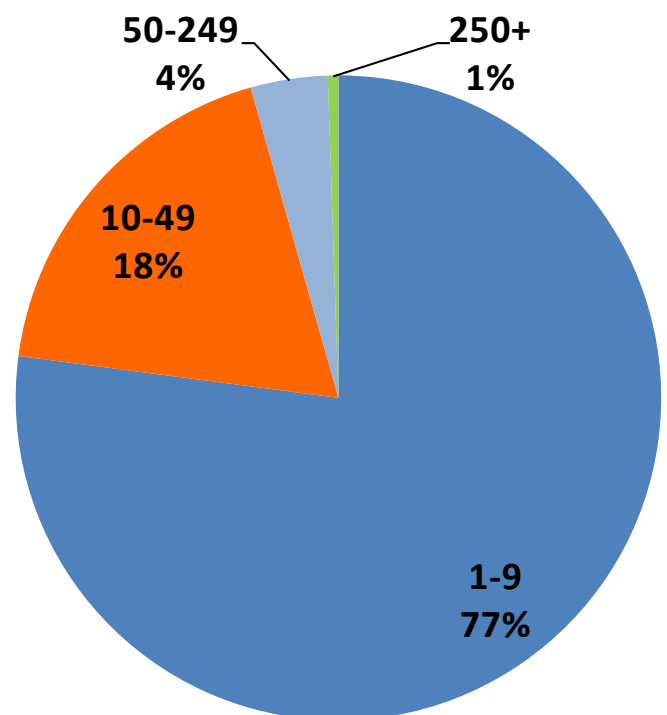
Small businesses in Missouri employ a large part of the private sector workforce. 45% of private sector employees work for a small business (less than 50 employees). Medium sized businesses (50-249 employees) employ 29% of the private sector workforce, while large employers (250 or more) employ 26%.



Number of Businesses by Size

Missouri had 182,000 private sector employers in 2015. Very small businesses comprised a majority of this total, with 77% of Missouri businesses employing less than ten people. Firms employing 1 to 49 workers made up 95% of all businesses in Missouri.

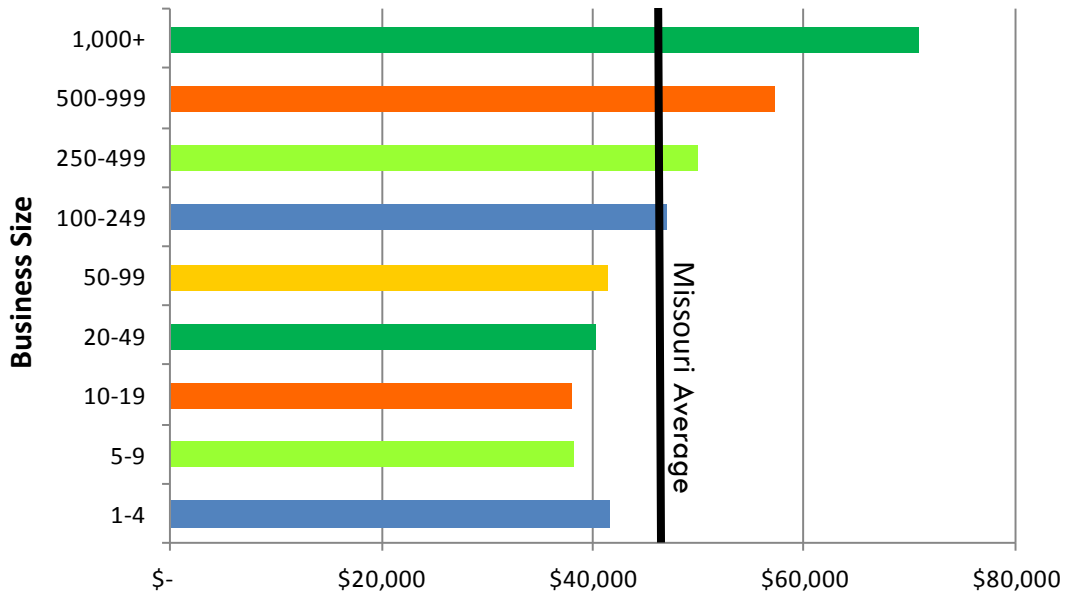
Number of Employees	Number of Businesses
1-4	112,492
5-9	27,782
10-19	19,839
20-49	13,908
50-99	4,617
100-249	2,407
250-499	647
500-999	210
1000+	103
TOTAL	182,004



Wages by Business Size

The average annual wage in Missouri for 2015, regardless of business size, was \$46,001. Wages were highest at businesses that employed 1,000 or more people with average wages equaling \$70,533, which was 53% higher than the average wage in the state. Establishments that employed 5 to 9 people had the lowest average wage at \$36,468.

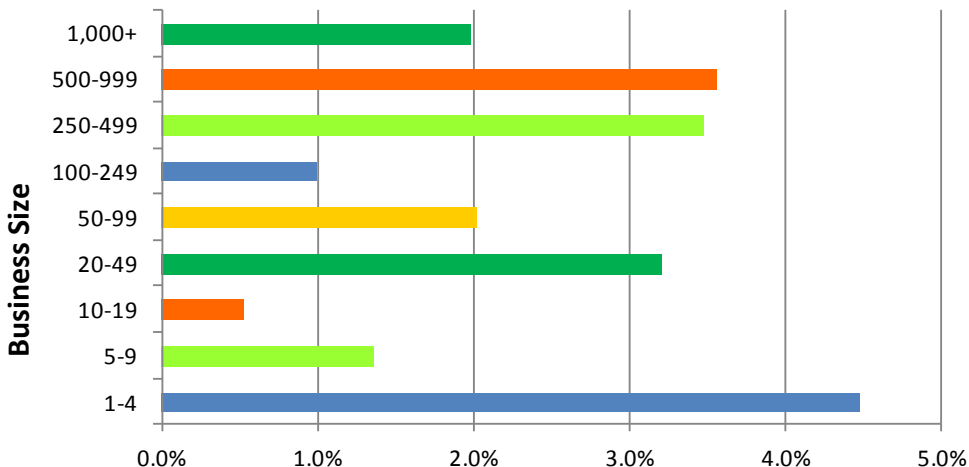
Average Wages by Business Size



Employment Trends by Business Size

Employment levels for all business sizes grew in 2015, with businesses employing 20 to 49 people seeing the largest increase in employment, adding over 13,000 jobs. Overall Missouri businesses added nearly 51,800 employees in 2015.

Employment Change from 2014 to 2015 by Business Size



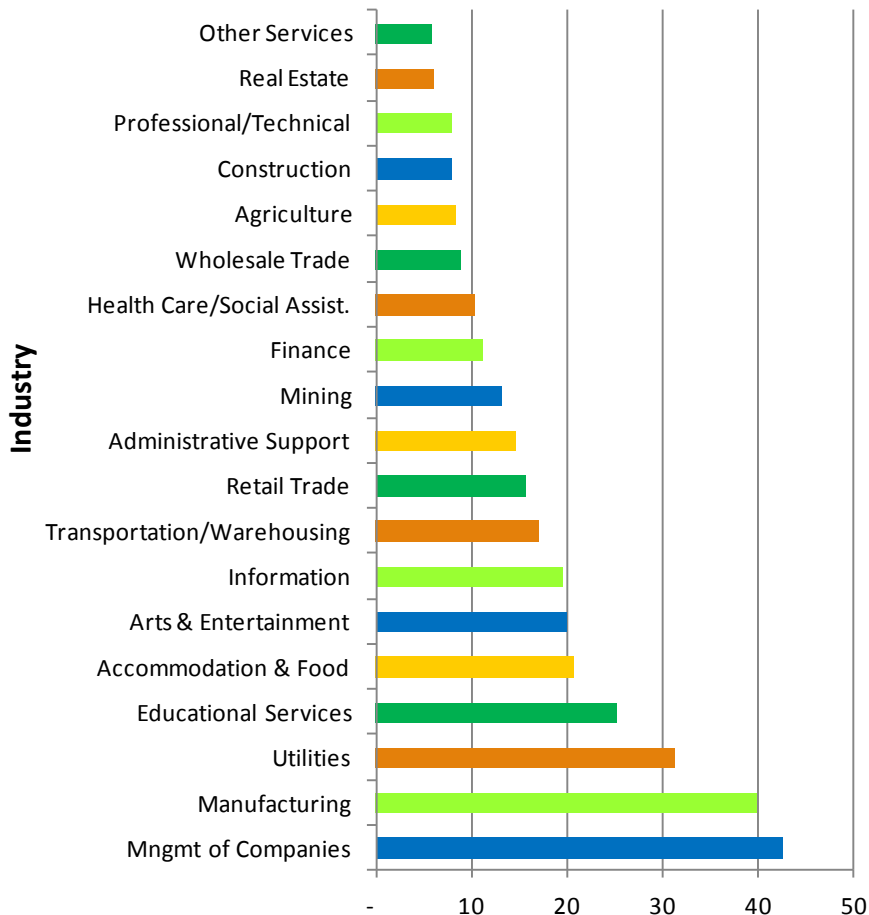
Business Size Employment Change 2014-2015

Business Size	Employment Change 2014-2015
1000+	4,564
500-999	5,132
250-499	7,504
100-249	3,553
50-99	6,296
20-49	13,224
10-19	1,376
5-9	2,483
1-4	7,666
Total	51,798

Average Size of Business by Industry

The average business size in Missouri was 13 employees. Four industries had an average employment of 30 or more. The *Management of Companies and Enterprises* industry had the largest average business size with 42 workers per business. *Manufacturing* and *Utilities* were industries that also had high average employment with 40 and 31 workers per business, respectively. *Other Services* and *Real Estate* industries had the lowest average employment with each having six workers per business.

Average Employment per Industry



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The Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC) monitors business sizes through unemployment insurance accounts established in the state. This allows MERIC to gauge the number of businesses by size, industry, and wages.

Business data is derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, a cooperative program between the Bureau of Labor Statistics and state labor market information centers that monitors employing businesses.

Non-employer businesses, such as sole proprietors, are monitored through a U.S. Census program that uses administrative data, chiefly IRS returns, to develop statistics. Non-employer businesses account for less than 4 percent of all sales but do account for the largest number of businesses. More information is available at:

www.census.gov/econ/nonemployer/

